the Delhi High Court and the matter is *sub-judice* 23 arbitration cases are pending.

In cases where disputes are raised by the parties, arbitration becomes inevitable as per the terms of agreements. Decisions in this regard by ITDC are taken to protect the commercial as well as administrative interests.

Performance of R & D Sections of different Companies

1984. SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken any study about the performances of the Research and Development Sections of different companies;

(b) if so, whether it has been found that in most cases, the R & D Sections have been set up only for tax rebates; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to initiate any action in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above does not arise.

Weavers' Co-operative Societies in Tamil Nadu

1985. SHRI T. R. BALU:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) how many primary weavers' co-operative societies are there in Tamil Nadu at present;

(b) what are the details of the handloom goods manufactured by these societies during the last one year; and

(c) whether any stocks have since been accumulated with these societies and also with their apex body, Co-optex at present; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) There are 1608 Primary Weavers Handloom Co-operative Societies in Tamil Nadu.

(b) The total handloom fabric manufactured by these Societies during 1985-86 was valued at Rs. 156.3 crores.

(c) The value of stocks accumulated with the societies is as follows:—

Primaries—Rs. 33.80 crores.

Apex—Rs. 60.00 crores.

Bank robberies

1986. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of incidents of robberies in banks which occurred during the last three months;

(b) what are the losses in human lives and cash and other properties caused by those incidents;

(c) whether the culprits were apprehended and proceeded against; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to provide security to the bank staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE